

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

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In Re Application Of: Eric P. Solecky et al.

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Serial No. 09/996,399	Filing Date November 29, 2001	Examiner Tung S. Lau	Group Art Unit 2863
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Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CHARACTERIZING FEATURES AT SMALL DIMENSIONS

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 05/08/2003 above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month | <input type="checkbox"/> Two months | <input type="checkbox"/> Three months | <input type="checkbox"/> Four months | <input type="checkbox"/> Five months |
| from: _____ | 08/08/2003
<i>Date</i> | until: _____ | 09/08/2003
<i>Date</i> | |

The fee for the extension of time is \$110 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0458,FI-319

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 09-0458 FI-319


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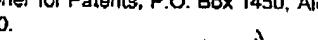
Dated: Sept. 8, 2003

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